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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/319,511, filed December 16, 2002, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

Basic Fee							\$	770.00
Total Claims	8	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	84	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$	770.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-11 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/319,511, filed December 16, 2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/067,902, filed February 8, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,515,918, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/639,742, filed on August 15, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,366,506.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-nine (29) sheets, Fig. 1-37.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Renesas Technology Corporation and Hitachi ULSI Systems Co., Ltd.

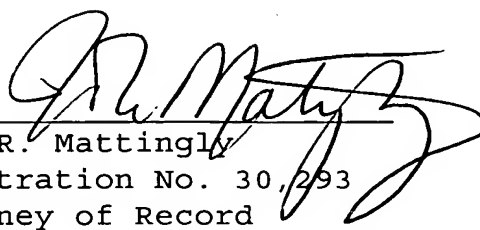
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 11-291809, filed October 14, 1999.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/639,742, filed August 15, 2000.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed

in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/319,511, as originally filed on December 16, 2002.



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